



## Union Township Environmental Commission

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### Minutes for April 9, 2013 Regular Meeting

**Call to Order:** The April 2013 meeting was called to order by Chairman Church at 7:05 PM, with the reading of the "Sunshine Law" announcement.

**Roll Call:** Present: Don Church, Bill Harclerode, Alan Ford, Claudia Rocca, Chuck Neary, Brett Bragin & Jim Eschbach; Absent: Steve Hurford

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Jim motioned to accept the March 12, 2013 minutes. Alan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### Old Business:

- Transco pipeline is currently under construction.
- Stream Cleanup of Sydney Brook and Mulhockaway on 4/20/2013 from 9 am until noon. Don will have a crew along Race Street, and VJ DiRoberto will have another group along Van Syckles Road. Meet at Midvale & Race Streets at 9 AM.
- Don met with Margaret of the Raritan Headwaters Assoc. on March 21 to set up the water testing for this year. Dates for selling well test kits will be on Saturday's May 4(Jim) and 11(Claudia) and residents will drop off the water samples on Monday, May 13. Don and Claudia will accept the water samples from 7 to 10 AM at the municipal building and Don will deliver them to the Dvoor Farm.
- 319 Grant for stream remediation – Princeton Hydro is working on the grant proposal. They hope to submit something to us in May.

#### New Business:

- Green Team/Sustainable NJ update/recertification – We currently have 85 points, and need 65 more points to stay certified at bronze status. We need five members to be on the Green Team or we can not be in the Sustainable NJ program. Need to reconstitute the Green Team. Need to submit the required information for recertification by June 2013 to stay in the program. Bill Harclerode, Chuck Neary, Don Church, Michele McBride Claudia Rocca and possibly Lisa Coster will constitute our new Green Team. Bill will be the chair. Issues to be addressed include farmland preservation, public outreach, recycling, carbon footprint, Jersey Fresh, etc.

**Communication:** Received the minutes from the last County Agricultural Board meeting

**Chair's Report:** Don attended the ANJEC Effective Environmental Commission Workshop at Duke Farms. He will email the links to all of the presentations that were given during that program to the UTEC members. At the Rutgers environmental course that he has been attending, Don spoke to Dave Pfeiffer of ANJEC about revising the Union Township Natural Resources Inventory and putting the NRI maps on-line in an interactive format.

**Township Committee Liaison's Report:** No report

**Planning Board Liaison's Report:** The planning board will begin looking at / updating the Township's ordinances. They will be looking at the designations of the different zoning areas. An applicant will be coming in on Thursday to discuss the property next to the Perryville NJ State Police barracks. The site was once a gas station, so there are environmental concerns. The property may also contain wetlands.

**Reports of Subcommittees:**

- (Chuck N) Open Space: Nothing new to report
- (Brett/Don) Trails: Need to walk the proposed trail. Brett will see if he can borrow a hand-held GPS unit to map the trail.
- (Chuck L) Communication: We still need someone to do this
- (Bill) Road Noise: Nothing new to report
- (Brett) Contaminated Sites: Nothing new to report

**Other Matters:**

- NJ Highlands Video: "The Highlands Rediscovered" as a public event will be postponed until the Township gets some agreement with the Highlands Council and we decide whether to conform or not. Union Township has been waiting about 3 years for the Highlands Council to answer our questions.

**Hearing of Citizens:** none present

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Brett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jim. All in favor. The April 9, 2013 regular meeting of the UTEC was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2013**